SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" May I suggest that the Government when sanctioning export quotas, will give the permits to the wholesale co-operative society of each district, so that a better price may be secured by the producer? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall consider this suggestion."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Among the several overseas countries, which country is the greatest consumer of our onions? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think Ceylon."

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" Are the Government aware that a number of agriculturists in the South Arcot district were affected by this quota system as they were not allowed to take their goods for sale from one place to another because they had to pass through French limits and they were put to a lot of trouble by the customs authorities? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid that is a completely different problem altogether. This question relates to export to other countries like Ceylon, while what the hon. Member refers to is a problem relating to the French enclaves which exist in the South Arcot district."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் கோட்டாவை அதிகரிக்க முடியாது என்று சொல்லும் போது உள் நாட்டுத் தேவையைப் பற்றிக் குறிப்பிட்டார். இன்றைய தினம் பாண்டிச்சேரி போன்ற இடங்களுக்குத் திருட்டுத்தனமாக இவைகள் ஏராளமாகக் கடத்திச் செல்லப் படவில்லையா ? இதைத் தடுக்க சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" இதற்கு தனியான கேள்வி போட்டால் அதைப்பற்றி சர்க்காருக்கு என்ன புகார்கள் வந்திருக்கின்றன என்பதைப் பற்றியும், அதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது என்பதைப் பற்றியும் சொல்ல முடியும்."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" ഈ ഉള്ളിയുടെ സത്തിൽനിന്ന് പല കാര്യങ്ങളും ചെയ്യുവാൻകഴിയുന്നതുകൊണ്ടും അതിൽ പല പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട ഔഷധങ്ങളും ഉള്ളതുകൊണ്ടും ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി ഇതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ച ഗവേഷണങ്ങൾ നടത്തുവാനുള്ള വല്ല നടപടികളും എടുക്കുമോ ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no doubt that onions and even more than onions garlic, are very important items in the *materia medica* of Indian medicine as well as Western medicine. Every step will be taken to see that medical people get everything they want."

Tapping of neera.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Srikakulam District Prohibition Advisory Committee has requested the Government (by passing a resolution in its recent meeting) to permit sweet juice (neera) tapping at least in one taluk as allowed in other coastal districts; and

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(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such resolution from the Srikakulam District Prohibition Advisory Committee has so far been received by Government."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Will the Government consider the possibility of giving other districts this permission to tap neera? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The question is being considered, and as an experimental measure, Government have allowed this privilege in certain coastal districts of Andhra."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, Prohibition was proceeded with cautiously; the same thing is done in the reverse process now."

SRI N. N. SUVARNA :—" Will the Hon. Minister for Prohibition say if the neera parlour started in Mangalore has been a success, and, if so, will it be extended to other parts of the district? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question relates to the coastal districts; a separate question may be put."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that the Hon. Minister for Prohibition is the biggest advertiser for neera, will he consider the desirability of seeing to it that the advertisement is carried on properly in all the other districts also? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is why caution is advocated. Neera is a very good stuff and it is a very valuable food, whether it be neera or jaggery made out of neera; but at the same time, like many other things in the world, it can be put to misuse and hence the caution."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఇక్కడ M.L.A. లకు నీరా supply చేయిస్తున్నారు. ఇక్కడ వారు నీరాకు అలవాటుపడి, తిరిగి వారివారి నియోజక వర్గాలకు వెళ్లిన తరువాత నీరా లభించక ఇబ్బంది వచ్చును. అందుకుగాను అన్ని జిల్లాలలో కూడా నీరా లభ్యమయ్యేటట్లు చూచుటకుగాను ప్రభుత్వంవారు ఏమైనా ప్రయత్నం చేస్తున్నారా? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" We will wait for a change of mentality among the Members. I do not think they will stick to it very much." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Prohibition aware of the fact that neera has got a tendency to ferment and become toddy if it is left exposed for at least three hours? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The same thing takes place with syrup, with rice and with anything which contains either starch or sugar, provided we prevent the fermentation into vinegar."

Sri K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఇటీవల ఆంధ్రదేశంలో నీరా shop లను Prohibition మంత్రిగారు open చేశారు. అవి అత్యద్భుతంగా పనిచేస్తున్నట్లు మంత్రిగారికికూడా తెలుసు. అందువల్ల ఆంధ్రదేశమందంతటా ఇట్టి సౌకర్యాన్ని కలుగజేయుటకు యత్నిస్తారా అని అడుగుతున్నాను ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If Members interested will guarantee against misuse, we shall hurry it up."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" മലബാറിൽ 'നീര' വില്ക്കുവാൻ സമ്മതിക്കാത്തതു എന്തുകൊണ്ട്, സർ. "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The question is about Srikakulam district."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I do not think it will be suitable in Malabar where there are no palmyra and date trees, but only coconut trees. It is very wrong and uneconomical to put coconut trees to that use."

Sri M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" ఇప్పుడు ఆంధ్రదేశంలో కొన్ని తాలూకాలలో మాత్రమే నీరా గీతకు అనుమతి ఇవ్వబడింది. అయితే ఈ తాలూకాలనే select చేయడానికి ప్రత్యేక కారణములేమైనా ఉన్నవేమో మంత్రిగారు సెలవిస్తారా ? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Where there were lots of date trees which were not put to any useful purpose and where there was a request and an organization guaranteeing against misuse, this thing was allowed."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]**

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE* ;

(1) ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

9-10 a.m. Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri T. N. Venkatasubba Reddi, M.L.A., is the only candidate validly nominated to fill a seat in the Board of Industries. I hereby declare him duly elected."

(2) ELECTION OF FIFTEEN MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of fifteen members to the Committee of Privileges :—

1 Sri M. Narayana Kurup;
2 ,, S. C. C. Anthony Pillai;
3 ,, N. Gopala Menon;
4 ,, K. Koti Reddi;
5 ,, K. V. Vema Reddi;